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1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPENT MONDAY IN COMMITTEE SESSIONS. COMMITTEE I (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) IN MORNING TOOK UP REPORT OF A WORKING GROUP OF PERMANENT COUNCIL ON TERRORISM. ITS REPORT POINTED OUT TWO ALTERNATE POSSIBILITIES: (1) TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATION OF A GENERAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST TERRORISM AND/OR (2) TO WORK ON CONVENTIONS ON SPECIFIC TERRORIST ACTS (LATTER MIGHT BE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE OF AGREEMENT). THESE ALTERNATIVES AND THE GENERALLY NON-COMMITTAL CHARACTER OF REPORT REFLECT DEEP DISAGREEMENT AMONG MEMBER STATES THAT HAS EMERGED DURING SEVERAL YEARS OF DISCUSSION OF ANTI-TERRORISM CONVENTION IN OAS. GIVEN COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES INVOLVED,  
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CHAIRMAN GALO LEORO OF ECUADOR PROPOSED THAT A WORKING GROUP BE FORMED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, THROUGH COMMITTEE I TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THIS WAS AGREED AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK UP MOST OF THE MORNING.

2. SEVERAL SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER MENACE OF TERRORISM BUT ONLY URUGUAY

SPECIFICALLY LINKED TERRORISM TO HUMAN RIGHTS. GIAMBRUNNO (URUGUAY) MADE LOW-KEY STATEMENT GENERALLY BUT HIS POINTED LINKING OF TWO ISSUES PROVOKED STINGING RESPONSE AND EXCHANGE WITH VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR MACHIN, WHO STRONGLY ARGUED THAT TERRORISM CAN BE NO EXCUSE FOR VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. GIAMBRUNNO IN REBUTTAL CITED HENRY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT IN BUENOS AIRES IN SUPPORT OF VIEW THAT GOVERNMENTS MAY BE FORCED TO LIMIT RIGHTS TEMPORARILY IN STRUGGLE AGAINST ORGANIZED TERRORISM. MACHIN NOTED SOME DICTATORSHIPS HAVE MAINTAINED STATE OF SIEGE FOR AS LONG AS 24 YEARS. US DELEGATE (TRAGEN) RECOGNIZED GRAVITY OF PROBLEM OF TERRORISM, BUT GAVE EMPHATIC SUPPORT TO VENEZUELAN POSITION OPPOSING LINKAGE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. RE KISSINGER STATEMENT, TRAGEN SAID THAT FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE, WHEN REPRESENTING US AT SANTIAGO GA, HAD CAREFULLY SEPARATED ISSUES OF TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT CONCEDED THAT EX-SECRETARY'S VIEWS MAY NOW DIFFER FROM THOSE OF PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. TRAGEN CONCLUDED WITH PLEA FOR EVEN-HANDED APPROACH SO THAT GOVERNMENTS MAY BOTH DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THREAT OF TERRORISM AND RESPECT RIGHTS OF THEIR CITIZENS.

3. AFTERNOON SESSION OF COMMITTEE I SPENT OVER TWO HOURS ON INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND DEBATED QUESTION OF PENSION RIGHTS FOR ITS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES. AFTERNOON SESSION CONCLUDED WITH PRESENTA-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION OF DRAFT COSTA RICAN RESOLUTION CLARIFYING FUTURE OF IAHRG WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE GROWING SUPPORT AMONG DELEGATIONS. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL REPORT OF IAHRG WILL BE TAKEN UP TOMORROW MORNING WHEN CHAIRMAN AGUILAR MAKES PRESENTATION IN COMMITTEE I.

4. IN COMMITTEE 2 BRAZIL BROKE THE CONSENSUS FOR THE RESOLUTION ON TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. THE EARLIER VERSION OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH THE US HAD TO OPPOSE THREE WEEKS AGO WILL BE RE-INTRODUCED TOMORROW AND PRESUMABLY ADOPTED OVER OUR NEGATIVE VOTE. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO TERMINATE CIPE BUT TO CONTINUE AN EXPORT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. TOMORROW WE WILL ALSO CONSIDER A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SUGAR PRESENTED BY GUATEMALA. VANCE

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